

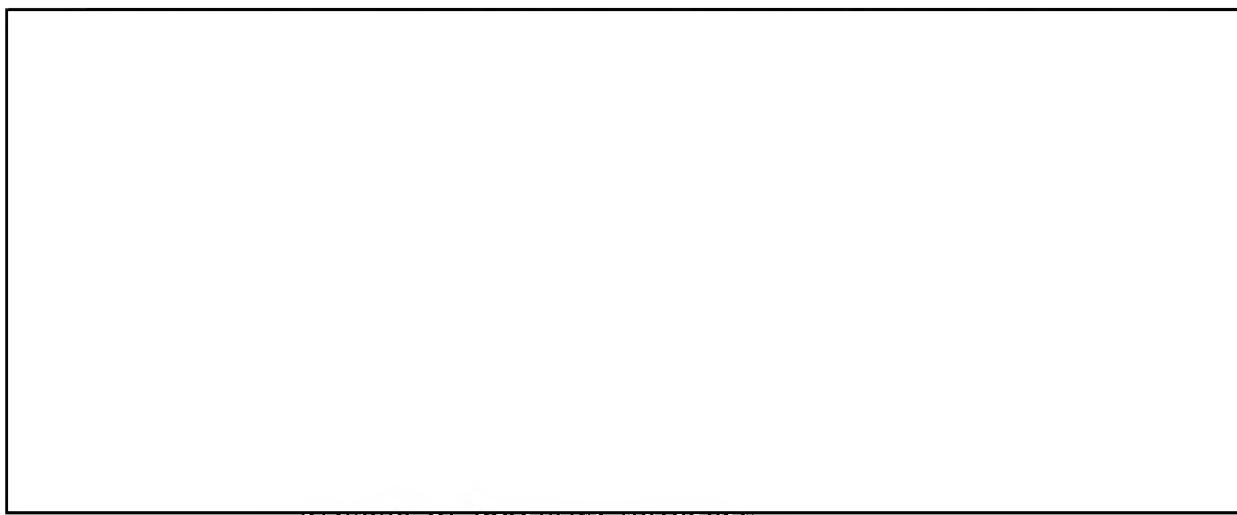
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POST-MORTEM ON NIE 31 SERIES

1. Coverage. This is a post-mortem on NIE 31-55, "Probable Developments in Yugoslavia and Its Future Orientation," 23 February 1955, NIE 31/1-55, "Yugoslavia and Its Future Orientation," 19 May 1955; and NIE 31-2-55, "Yugoslavia's International Position," 7 September 1955.

2. Findings. Since NIE 31-55 and NIE 31/1-55 cover the same ground, and NIE 31-2-55 overlaps these earlier estimates to a considerable extent, the intelligence deficiencies encountered in the preparation of all three were much the same. The deficiencies stem primarily from the secretiveness and aloofness of Yugoslav officials in their contacts with representatives of Western powers.



4. Action. That the IAC agencies continue systematic efforts to collect and analyze data bearing on:

- a. Yugoslav-Bloc relations; and
- b. Relationships within the Yugoslav regime and party, particularly as they may affect Yugoslavia's international position.

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